

CITY COUNCIL
Sunbury PA 17801
May 24, 2021
6:15 pm

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Sunbury was called to order by video/teleconference with the Honorable Mayor Karlovich, presiding. There was a quorum with the following in attendance:

Richard L. Reichner, Director of Accounts and Finance
Joshua Brosious, Director of Public Works
James R. Eister, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Buildings

Other City officials in attendance:

John Bakowicz, City Engineer
Jolinn Barner, City Clerk
Mike Rhoads, Zoning Officer
Steve Welker, Public Works Supervisor
Jeffrey Wojciechowski, Code Enforcement Supervisor
Derrick Backer, City Administrator
Bradley Hare, Chief of Police
Samantha Mummey, Code Officer

Visitors present: In Person (1) Zoom (11)

A moment of silent reflection was held prior to the beginning of the meeting for Friday's residential fire with the loss of life within the city.

Agenda Additions

Police Vehicle

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to add Police Vehicle as a discussion item. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Municibid

Councilman Brosious made the motion to add Municibid as a discussion item. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT/AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Karlovich asked for public comment on agenda items. There were no public comments.

Regan Street Project

June 10th will be the opening of Bids.

Police Building Construction Project

With the updated change orders from the bid that was accepted the city is over by \$2,828.28.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Smerlick Storage Units

Councilman Reichner made the motion to accept the Smerlic Storage Units plan. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

COVID-19 Restrictions Public Meetings, Open Container, and Tables

Council discussed the current CDC guidelines, and council plans to continue following the CDC guidelines.

Hire Part-Time/Seasonal Park and Recreation Employee/Pool/Playground Staff (Joshua Snyder)

Councilman Eister made the motion to hire the seasonal employees. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote (See attached).

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation LGBTQ

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept the proclamation. Second Reichner. Yes – Karlovich, Reichner, Eister. Abstain – Brosious.

Internship Program with Susquehanna University

Councilman Reichner made the motion to submit an application for the internship program with Susquehanna University. Second Karlovich. Unanimous vote.

STMP Final Report

Councilman Eister made the motion to accept the final STMP report. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

1st Reading of Bill #2021-06 Emergency Management Director

Councilman Reichner made the motion to accept the 1st reading of Bill #2021-06. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

Scholarship Opportunities to Leadership Susquehanna Valley

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to allow participation in the scholarship opportunities to leadership Susquehanna valley. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Infradapt Allowing Access to Network to perform Audit

Mayor Karlovich made the motion allow access for Infradapt to perform the audit. Second Reichner. Unanimous vote.

Resolution 2021-12 DCED Grant for Sweep

Mayor Karlovich made the motion to accept the resolution. Second Eister. Unanimous vote. (see attached)

Request for Bids for HVAC System at the Albright Center

Councilman Reichner made the motion to allow requests for bids for HVAC System at the Albright Center. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

City Sponsoring Art, Wine and Jazz Fest

No action taken.

Road Closure “Fall for the Arts Family Festival” 10/22-10/23

Councilman Brosious made the motion approve the road closure for the “Fall for the Arts Family Festival”. Second Eister. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL TO PAY INVOICES

Councilman Reichner moved to approve to Pay Invoices/Vouchers General Fund - \$117,173.62 and Liquid Fuels Fund - \$22,169.63. Second Brosious. Unanimous vote.

Discussion

There was discussion regarding the following topics between council and public officials.

- RA Update
- Sunbury Code Administration Report
- Filling Emergency Services Administrator (ESA) Vacancy
- Non-Uniform Pension for New Hires
- LERTA
- Rescue Funding
- Street and Sidewalk Codification Ordinance Update

- Police Vehicles
- Municibid

Announcements

Mayor Karlovich announced the following:

The Semi Quincentennial Heart and Heritage Festival is calling for volunteers to help. On June 17th at 5:30pm in Cameron Park they will be having a volunteer recruiting event.

Pre-Submitted Audience Comment

Carol Hoffman: Mrs. Hoffman submitted a pre-submitted public comment regarding street crossing within the city. (see attached)

Anna Benner: Mrs. Benner submitted a pre-submitted public comment regarding parking on south fourth street. (see attached)

Zoom

Victoria Rosancrans: Mrs. Rosancrans wanted some clarification on the EMA coordinator. So, the EMA coordinator is now going to be an EM director? Mrs. Rosancrans then asked if the EMD role is going to be the same, and work with the county? Mrs. Rosancrans then asked if the EMS will be a new role? Will the EMS be a part of the fire services, fire consolidation, and code? City administrator answered the questions and explained the role for each position. Mrs. Rosancrans wanted to remind council that Rotary flags for heroes will be put up on Wednesday, and wanted to thank DPW, Parks and Rec, and the City for allowing this to happen. Mrs. Rosancrans also wanted to thank Councilman Eister and DPW for leaving the tarps at the Celotex property, because it made a big difference. Mrs. Rosancrans wanted to also thank Mayor Karlovich and City Council for their support of LGBTQ with the proclamation and feels this is important for our community. Mrs. Rosancrans is excited to see that there has been work done on the gazebo today and has heard positive comments from others.

In Person

There were no in-person audience comments.

The next city council meeting will be held on June 28th, 2021 at 6:15 pm Via Zoom.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexander Rissinger,
Administrative Assistant